

TEX, 164-FOMAK-1

TEXAS
State

Menard
County

FORT MCKAVETT
Town or Vicinity

16P
5d

(Menard)

Structure Fort McKavett (TEX-3111)

22 miles W. of Menard on Farm Rd. 864. A complex of limestone buildings, mostly one story, including barracks, headquarters building, hospital, schoolhouse, officers' quarters, a two-story commanding officer's house, magazine, guardhouse, bakery, kitchens, feed barns, corrals, and various support facilities, arranged around a central parade ground. Fort McKavett was one of a line of frontier defense posts across Texas which were established about 1851. Abandoned during the Civil War, the fort was
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Ref: Frontier Times, Ft. McKavett by M.L.
Complete description in Col. Cunningham's
article "Fort () McKavett." 55

reopened in April 1868 as a cavalry post and a rebuilding program was begun. Most of the remaining buildings are privately owned, but the schoolhouse and barracks have been restored by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department as the nucleus of a research and development project encompassing the whole fort. 16 ext. photos (1936, including barracks, headquarters building, commanding officer's house, hospital, and magazine); 4 data pages (1937). NR.

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